

RCRA STATE AUTHORIZATION TRAINING  
November 15-17, 2022

EPA-Region 5  
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REMOTE TEAM LINK - Log in to this link all 3 days for remote access to all the main sessions:

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*Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>*

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All Times Central Standard Time

- 9:30    **Gather and Greet**
- 9:45    **Introductions, Logistics, and Opening Remarks (0:15)**  
Tammy Moore, Acting Deputy Director, EPA Region 5 Land, Chemicals and  
Redevelopment Division
- 10:00    **Session 1: Overview of RCRA and Introduction to RCRA State Authorization (1:10)**  
Wayne Roepe (ORCR)  
*Description:* Includes a brief background on statute and regulatory structures, and the  
authorization process.
- 11:10    **Session 2: Rule Checklists and Summaries (1:00)**  
Alima Patterson (R6)  
*Description:* How to use these materials, and ideas for modifications.
- 12:10    **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:20    **Session 3: Incorporation by Reference – How to and Hawaii’s Example Guidebook  
(0:45)**  
Noa Klein, (HI)  
*Description:* How to use the IBR Guidance and checklist, and Hawaii’s Guidebook.
- 2:05    **Session 4: Attorney General’s Certification and Statutory Checklist (0:45)**  
Colleen Michuda, R4 ORC  
*Description:* When to update, certification form, statutory checklist, contents.
- 2:50    **10 Minute Break**
- 3:00    **Session 5: Memorandum of Agreement and Program Description (1:00)**  
Brian McMullen (NE) and Marcus Rivas (R7)  
*Description:* Basis for and use of these documents, and how to revise them.

4:00 **Next Steps and Close Session**

5:00 **Optional Gathering** – Happy Hour at the Ceres Café (<http://cerescafechicago.com/>) – Please bring cash!

### Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - Training Day 2

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9:00 **Session 6: Breakout sessions among regions and their states (1:00)**  
Breakout Groups: State and Regional Staff by Region  
*Description: Each region should plan with their states on what issues you would like to discuss during this session. Here are the links to the breakout rooms for regional and state staff by region:*

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10:00 **Session 7: Avoiding Authorization Pitfalls (1:00)**  
Colleen Michuda, R4 ORC  
*Description: How to avoid common authorization issues.*

11:00 **Session 8: Panel discussion of different types of state rule adoption processes (1:00)**  
Moderator: Wayne Roepe (ORCR),  
Panelists: Mark Dennen, (RI), Andrea Keller, (WI), Ricardo Rivera, (CA), Liz McCarthy, (R1), Sorchia Vaughan, (R9)  
*Description: Many states use more than one type of rule adoption approach. This discussion will address how and when states use different types of adoption methods (IBR, Rewrite, Verbatim). Pros and Cons of each state rule adoption approach, and factors to consider when deciding between the two.*

12:00 **Lunch** (on your own)

1:15 **Session 9: Authorization of New EPA Rules (1:15)**  
Lead: Brian Knieser and Wayne Roepe (ORCR)  
*Description: Discussion of adoption and authorization for several new rules – Definition of Solid Waste, Import/Export, Generator Improvements, etc.*

2:30 **Session 10: Panel for Authorization Process Barriers, Best Practices, and Ideas for Improvements. (1:30)**  
Leads/Panelists: Sara Kinslow and Sharon Leitch, (R1) and Leah Davis, (R4)  
*Description: Process improvements (including LEAN) and lessons learned, Q&A, discussion, brain-storming on next steps/nationwide implementation*

4:00 **Next Steps and Close Session**

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Training Day 3**

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- 9:30      **Session 11: HQ Authorization Products (0:45)**  
Lead: Wayne Roepe and Rome Arquines (ORCR)  
*Description:* Tour of the authorization website, StATS, the Authorization Teams group, other areas. Discussion of the information and tools that states and regions need.
- 10:15      **Session 12: When/How to Revise the Program Description and MOA (1:00)**  
Moderator: Sorchu Vaughan, (R9)  
*Description:* Discussion of how frequently these documents should be revised, contents of the Program Description, use of the Model MOA.
- 11:15      **Session 13: Concurrent sessions for Regions and States (1:00)**  
Breakout Groups: All State Staff and All Regional Staff  
*Description:* Separate breakout sessions for all states and all EPA regions to discuss issues within their group. Consider improvements and action items. Here are the links to the breakout rooms for all state staff and all regional staff:
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- 12:15      **Wrap Up and Close Training**